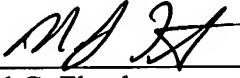


REMARKS

In the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, the Examiner indicated that the status indicator for claim 15 in the previous Response should have read "currently amended" instead of "original" because claim 15 was amended. Accordingly, by the present Response, Applicants have corrected and resubmitted the amendment section "In the Claims."

Respectfully submitted,

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